

Remarks

The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 5, and 9 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over US Patent 5,867,996 to Takano et al. (hereinafter Takano) in view of US Patent 6,742,350 to Suzuki et al. (hereinafter Suzuki) and further in view of US Patent 3,868,869 to Hunt et al. (hereinafter Hunt).

The Examiner has further rejected claims 2 and 3 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over the references as applied to claim 1 and further in view of US Patent No. 6,234,769 to Sakai et al. and claim 4 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over the references as applied to claim 1 and further in view of US Patent No. 5,628,234 to Crook et al. (hereinafter Crook).

Claim 1 has now been amended to include the subject matter of claim 5 and claim 5 has been cancelled. It is submitted that the claim1 as now amended distinguishes over the cited references. Specifically, claim 1 is now specific that the conveying device is a pump for conveying oil or coolant. The compressors of Takano and Suzuki are not pumps for conveying oil or coolant and therefore the claims are not obvious in view of these references.

Should the Examiner believe that a telephonic conference would be useful in furthering the present application toward allowance, the undersigned attorney would welcome such a call.

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